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The Elements of Opposition to General Grant.

The Paducah Kentucky, and other worthy democratic papers of this State, affect to deprecate the position taken by the Hickman Courier in favor of consolidating the elements of opposition to General Grant, and to this end holding the Democratic party in abeyance during the Presidential struggle of 1872. These papers ring the changes upon the "phase abandonment of party," "surrender of eternal principles," etc., and yet withhold, they offer no plan, which presents the shadow of success in the coming contest. At least three-fifths of the voting citizens of the United States are opposed to the present Radical Republican party, and if these elements of opposition can be combined into solid fighting phalanx, Grant's overthrow is beyond the possibility of a doubt. Will these elements combine under the Democratic banner in sufficient strength to secure victory? We think they should, and our contemporaries continue to exhort them to do so, but the results of the various elections since the war gives us no such promise. It is wisdom in us therefore, through party zeal and party spirit, however commendable under ordinary circumstances, to forfeit every chance of success by failing to avail ourselves of these elements of opposition. The defeat of Grant and the deliverance of the country from another Radical Administration depend upon the possibility of perfecting a cordial union among these elements.

Do we sacrifice principle? Suppose the opponents of Grant unite in "A crusade against corruption in Office," would either a Democrat or Republican, who is honestly in favor of Reform, sacrifice anything? Suppose we include "Amnesty to the South," what prevents Democrats and conservative Republicans serving with co-operating zeal and enthusiasm? Include the Free Trade movement, and the concurrent and harmonious action of all is secured. These, not to mention more, make up a load, that the present Administration can not shoulder through the next campaign. There is nothing needed but a liberal, conciliatory spirit to bring all the opponents of General Grant together on a satisfactory platform, and make the next Presidential election the opening of a new and brighter era in our politics. Is there any harm to forego party zeal, when a combination so fruitful of blessings to the country is the promise?

Another point worthy of consideration is that, if we had the power to elect a President, he would be perfectly powerless, because of the overwhelming majorities in both Houses of Congress against him. He would be hampered and chained precisely as was Mr. Johnson, and therefore incapable of affording any practical relief to the country. Upon the contrary, the election of a Conservative, would most certainly divide the present Republican representation both in the Senate and House, and perhaps give us at once a working power. Is this policy better than the re-election of Grant? If so, we are right, and our contemporaries wrong, if not, vice versa.

OUR REPRESENTATIVE.—Our Representative A. S. Arnold, was in Hickman Tuesday, looking as rubicon and jovial as ever. He visited Fulton for the purpose of acquainting himself with any local legislation desired by this county, and expresses an earnest desire to aid in everything possible. We are glad to find him warmly in favor of the enterprise of building a levee from Hickman to Tiptonville, and promises to use his utmost influence to secure all needful legislation to advance the project. In this movement Mr. Arnold will secure the hearty endorsement of our people.

COL. GEO. W. SILVERTOOTH.—We understand that the veteran Democrat Col. Geo. W. Silvertooth, of Hickman county, will be a candidate for clerk of the Kentucky State Senate, this winter. No man in Kentucky has fought more hard battles for the Democratic party, than the "old wheel horse" whose name heads this paragraph, and in our opinion there is not in the broad land a truer or stancher democrat. If he has erred as a politician, it has been because of a perhaps, too radically zealous devotion to the party. He has fought and won hundreds of battles for Democracy, but never one against it. We have had occasion to differ with him at times, and shall most likely do so in the future on many points, but would be sincerely glad if the Kentucky Senate should choose him for its chief clerk. His long experience as a member of both Houses admirably qualify him for the position, and his life labor as an active working Democrat entitle him to this favor from the party. He fought for the party before some of our present Senators were born, and yet in his old age keeps up an unremitting fire from the same side.

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## The Grand Duke Alexis.

The Grand Duke Alexis, the Russian Prince has arrived in America and been received in New York. Ten thousand soldiers to say nothing of the thousands of citizens turned out to welcome him. From the newspaper accounts, no man on earth ever received such an ovation before from New Yorkers. For miles the streets were decorated with American and Russian flags, which with the immense concourse, booming of cannon, etc., gave the day a magnificent power.

Gen. Jno. A. Dix delivered an address of welcome as follows:

"Your Royal Highness—The citizens of New York are glad to welcome you to the United States. We are glad to welcome one who represents his Imperial Highness, the Czar of Russia. We are glad to welcome a representative of the power for which we have so much respect, kind feeling and confidence. We are not so old as European nations, as our civilization dates back but one hundred years, but among our institutions and customs you will no doubt find many things to admire and carry back to your own country. We are glad that you are here to carry back to his Imperial Highness, your father, the well-wishes of this Government. Again, I say, we welcome you to our shores."

### THE GRAND DUKE REPLIES:

"Gen. Dix, Ladies and Gentlemen—I present my warmest thanks for the kind feelings which on behalf of the people of this great city you have given expression. The feelings between the United States and Russia are as strong as they are lasting and never can be broken. I shall pass rapidly through the details of my visit to the President of the United States, whose high character is greatly appreciated in Russia, but when I return to New York I shall have great pleasure in accepting the kind hospitality which has been generously extended to me. I thank you heartily."

If Alexis decides to visit Hickman, he will arrive about the first of January, and it is suggested that the Committee of Arrangements provide a free lunch on the European plan, i.e. order what you want and pay for what you get. This is the way Americans are received in Russia.

### Indiana Ku-Klux.

The State of Indiana, says the Louisville Sun, has more gross immorality, more cases of crimes against persons and property, more mob violence and outrage—more brutal violence and cowardly as assassinations, and more horse stealing than any two Southern States together. The Indiana papers which howl for the suppression of lawlessness in the South are filled with cases of gross enormity.

The murder of the Park family and the lynchings in Owen county are the latest instances. Of the Owen county case on Indiana paper says:

Friday night last, forty or fifty citizens, without any disguise, organized and proceeded to the residences of six men, two named Brown, two Anderson, and two Green. These men had all gathered together, and had all along managed to evade the penalty of the law. They were taken from their homes to the woods, tied up and whipped nearly to death with switches. They were then notified that unless they left the county within twenty-four hours they would be hung.

The Lynchers then proceeded to the residence of old man Anderson, father of the two Andersons, and took him to the woods and hung him up to a tree, in order to extort a confession from his own guilt and that of the party lynched. He made full confession, and was then whipped and ordered to forthwith leave the county. All the parties left on Saturday, and if they return will certainly be hung.

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A CONVENTION of the Governors of the New England and Northwestern States will be held at Detroit, the 27th inst., for the purpose of promoting the construction of a continuous water and steam navigation route from the Mississippi to the Atlantic Ocean. It is proposed to excavate a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara, and the route then proceeds by way of Lake Ontario, the river St. Lawrence, Lake Champlain and the Hudson River, to the harbor of New York. Congress is to be petitioned to make appropriations for this work, and to regulate the rates of toll and transportation.

GOVERNOR B. BRATZ BROWN, of Missouri, has written a letter announcing that he has become a temperance man. He says: "Realizing the sinister use that was being made of insinuation and innuendo about the ordinary courtesies of entertainment, and not feeling willing that our great State should be put to the expense in regard to the character of its executive, but rather that it should stand above suspicion and above even malignity, I determined some time since to vindicate this reputation by habits of total and entire abstinence."

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## KU-KLUX!

### INDIANA MOB LAW.

### MURDER OF THE PARK FAMILY.

A summary of the facts elicited in this case made a pretty strong showing against the parties, and by the time the final trial could be arranged, from indications developed, it would no doubt have been hard to have convinced any jury of their innocence. First, Johnson's confession, which of course wold have required a corroborative by other facts—a full acknowledgement that he, Taylor and Davis committed the murder, and circumstantial narration of every particular connected with the horrible murder, first, before a Justice of the Peace, and afterwards before the Grand Jury. Second, the finding of the bloody ax in the exact place where he said it had been left and the tracks of the three men all along the route he said they traveled upon leaving the house after the murder. Third, the finding of the coat of young Park in the house of Taylor, and the finding of the pocket book of Cyrus M. Park in a trunk at the house of Davis. Fourth, the straightforward story of the little grandson of Taylor, and the statement of Taylor's wife. Fifth, the finding of the bloody shirt at the house of Davis, and a bloody coat at the house of Taylor.

The Grand Jury failed to find an indictment on these facts. We learn that so confident was the Prosecuting Attorney that a true bill would be found that he had the indictment for murder in the first degree already drawn up.

When the grand jury announced to Judge Dunham yesterday evening that they were through their business and he ascertained that they had found no indictments against any of the parties charged with the murder of the Park family, he adjourned them until the first Monday in December when they were to have met again for the purpose of investigating the murder.

The people were highly incensed in the evening after the announcement was publicly made that the Grand Jury had failed to indict the murderers. Ominous words dropped here and there from the disappointed citizens. The excitement grew. The people of Charlestowen who had forbore so long, and whose counsels had been for law and order against the suggestions of some persons who were in favor of immediate action before His Honor, Judge Lynch, became careless as to results, and finally concluded that for bearance in this case had ceased to be a virtue. Old men looked as they had not looked before. The fever grew in town and country, and between one and two o'clock this morning the sullen and determined tramp of not less than fifty men was heard upon the streets of that usually quiet town. All who heard it knew its import and onward it sounded toward the jail.

From a blacksmith a crowbar was taken which assisted the mob in its entrance to the jail. From prison walls George Johnson, Squire Taylor, and Charles Davis, all colored, were taken and indicted by a grand jury in the court of Judge Lynch for having committed one of the foulest murders that ever darkened the records of Clark county. Tremblingly the accused murderers were borne along by the determined executioners of the lawless court. They were taken to the woods and hung up to a tree, in order to extort a confession from their own guilt and that of the party lynched. He made full confession, and was then whipped and ordered to forthwith leave the county. All the parties left on Saturday, and if they return will certainly be hung.

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A query suggests itself at the close of these lines. Have the Ku Klux invaded the Northern States, or have the Northern people caught the fever from the South? How many Radical papers will bear their account of this fearful tragedy? A Ku Klux Outrage in Indiana?—Louisville Sun.

POLICY TOWARD CUBA.—There is an indication that Gen. Grant contemplates a change in the Cuban policy. The many reports received at the State Department of the brutal outrages upon Cubans by the Spanish authorities, and the failure of the latter to keep certain promises made to this government, have induced our authorities to call the attention of the Spanish Minister to the matter, with an intimation that this government will be compelled to interfere unless the evils complained of are speedily redressed.

Hon. Garrett Davis has just received

85,000 for his services as the State's lawyer in the Wolf Island case.

## \* A Southern Sensation!

The Louisville Courier Journal publishes a big sensation in the shape of a letter from Jackson, Mississippi, bearing date Nov. 14, 1871. The writer professes to have received "information of a State for collection or forfeiture, and all lands or town lots embraced in said list which the tax or interest is not paid by the 2nd Monday in February 1872, will be forfeited to the State." Taxes due for the year 1869:

Julia F. Algee, original taxes on land \$100, total 100; interest \$25. E. Edmonston, original taxes on land \$124 on 13 town lots, total \$1,871.

Emma Fisher, original taxes \$65, interest \$22 on 13 town lots, total \$737.

John J. Hanks, original taxes 30c, interest 4c, total 75c.

Elizabeth Harris, original taxes 30c, interest 4c, total 75c.

Wils. Hamby, for Thomas Swift's heirs, original taxes \$240, on 320 acres, interest \$60.

W. Z. Harris, original taxes 60 cents, interest \$12 on 1 town lot, total \$1,50.

Mc. A. G. Hamlin, original taxes 75 cents, interest \$12 on 13 town lots, on 10 acres, total \$1,871.

W. Z. Harris, original taxes 60 cents, on 50 acres, interest 90 cents; total \$1,50.

George Jordan, original tax \$1,20, on 275 acres, interest \$300.

Cornelius Johnston, original tax \$1,44, on 180 acres, interest \$360.

Eliza Joby, original tax 30c, interest 4c, total 75c.

Sam Kirkpatrick, original taxes \$1,50 on 1,200 acres, interest \$300.

John King, original taxes 15c, interest \$2 on 1 town lot, total \$1,50.

R. L. Lind, original taxes \$1,35 on 40 acres land, interest \$2,02 on 100 acres.

Paite Morris, original taxes \$1,35 on 80 acres land, interest \$2,02 on 100 acres.

Thomas McConnell, for wife, original taxes \$1,50 on 80 acres land, interest \$2,25, total \$3,75.

## THE HICKMAN COURIER,

SATURDAY, : : : NOV. 23, 1871.

HICKMAN R. A. CHAPFER, No. 49.—The Hickman R. A. Chapter No. 49 meets the 4th Wednesday in every month, at eight P. M. L. NELSON, H. P.

Masonic—Fulton Lodge No. 120, meet regular every 2ND MONDAY NIGHT in month. Officers—J. H. Bouline, W. M.; W. D. Corbett, S. W.; W. A. Brevard, J. W.; J. H. Davis, Robt. W. Davis, Secretary.

Oro. P. ROWELL & Co., Park Row, New York, and S. M. PETTINGILL & Co., 37 Park Row, New York, are our sole agents in that city and are authorized to contract for advertising at our lowest rates.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIL.—The Mail via N. & N. W. Railroad arrives at Hickman at 7 a. m. and departs at 7 a. m. daily, except Sunday. Mail closed at 6 a. m. The Post Office will be kept open one hour Sunday morning.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.—One copy per year, (in advance) \$2 00. Five copies one year, " " 8 75. Ten copies one year, " " 15 00.

DEFY ALL names of clubs to be handed in at same time from same post-office, and accompanied by the cash.

ANY one wishing to attend the Commercial School at Cincinnati or Nashville, can get a scholarship at this office at a small price.

**Sewin Machine For Sale.**  
A first class, hand new \$80 Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine for sale. It will be sold for much less than original cost, or, than a similar one can be bought elsewhere. Apply at this office.

GOLDAKY'S next drawing takes place at Paducah, Ky., Nov. 27.

If you want nice sets of Furs, go to W. B. BENNY'S.

We call attention to the "Bargains" advertised by Plau Bro. This house employs thirteen clerks, and the fact that all are kept busy indicates that they do sell bargains.

THOSE beautiful Silk Poplins at W. B. BENNY'S.

MAJOR JNO. LAUDERDALE, of this place, who has been absent several months, has returned, but we regret is yet in very feeble health.

CORDED ALPACAS all colors at W. B. BENNY'S.

EVAN H. SETTLES, Esq., we learn, has received the appointment of assistant lecturer to Mr. Bain, in behalf of the good cause of temperance, for this, the First District of Kentucky.

LARGEST assortment of Custom and hand made Boots and Shoes, for Ladies and Gent's at W. B. BENNY'S.

MR. J. C. HICKMAN, Past Grand Worthy Chief Templar of Kentucky, delivered an interesting lecture in Hickman, Monday night last. Some accessions to the order.

LARGE assortment of Boy's Clothing, Hats and Caps, at W. B. BENNY'S.

JO. STEGALA and J. K. Lane opened their new saloon and billiard room, Tuesday last, with a free lunch, of which 17,000 or less people partook, including our special friend and correspondent W. R. McDaniel.

THE home Factory, Kentucky Jeans, all colors of the best ever brought to market, at W. B. BENNY'S.

OUR county authorities have made a most commendable improvement on the jail grounds, the building of a brick walled wall on the Carroll street side. This will prevent any wash, and render the jail dry and healthy. The city, we believe, intend building a good walk in front.

TAY Bernard's Chil' Cure and be convinced of its merit. Why suffer from Fever and Ague, when Bernard's Chil' Cure will cure you.

MORE HOUSES WANTED.—We bear no graver complaints of the scarcity of dwelling houses in Hickman. If there those who have houses to rent they could let it be known through the columns of the COURIER. Would not the erection of a number of cheap cottages a good investment?

1,000 U.S. Drawers at 50 cents a pair. J. H. PLAUT & BRO.

ON Tuesday a white gentleman accompanied by a colored endorser, visited me of our merchants hunting a "situation." If he had been in Indiana were the Kuklux abound, he would have found one.

A GOOD ASSORTMENT of Louises and Alpacas, at 25 and 35 cents per yard, the NEW YORK STORE.

The Majority.—Mr. Editor.—Permit us through the columns of your paper to solicit Capt. H. Tyler, to become a candidate for mayor at the ensuing election. If he will permit the use of his name, we think election is certain.

MANY VOTERS.

WINDOW SHADES, ten cents apiece, at the NEW YORK STORE.

CITY BONDS.

MR. EDITOR.—Some city authorities have discovered the entry of \$500 bonds in our City Bond Book, in favor of certain parties, for which no bond has ever been issued and no consideration ever received by the city. The question arises how came the entry of these bonds? Will some one rise to explain? The Council ordered their cancellation but how happened them ever to be entered?

## MORE ENTERPRISE.

A New Era Wanted—More Railroad Connections—The Hickman and Tiptonville Line—Hickman will give \$25,000 to the latter Enterprise.

The revived trade and business prosperity of Hickman has the effect of reviving in the minds of our people various projects of public improvements. Prosperity works encouragement and enterprise. Trade, rich and bountiful, is within the reach of Hickman if she will reach out her hands with the proper energy. The status of the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad is now fixed permanently, and affords to Hickman a permanent chance for future railway connections. We regard a branch of the Iron Mountain to Hickman a fixed certainty of the future. It may be years before this connection is realized, but the policy now proposed to be inaugurated by the Nashville and Northwest, must in time effect it. The policy of Hickman and her citizens will contribute largely towards hastening this connection. In addition, we mean a Southern connection, running through Obion, Dyer, and Gibson counties, finding a connection with some of the great Southern arteries. In this last project the whole of Fulton county is interested, and especially that portion lying west of the Mobile and Ohio Road.

The enterprise of building a levee from Hickman to Tiptonville is beginning to assume more reasonable and plausible shape. There will be no difficulty in obtaining a charter on the basis of the old company. It is believed by some, also, that substantial aid will be given by the State towards the reclamation of these overflowed lands, and an effort will be made to obtain such assistance. This levee, when built, will not only reëfend and render habitable thousands of acres of good, rich lands, directly tributary to Hickman, but will open out the Madrid Bend country and fifty miles below to our trade, and to which we are now inaccessible for want of roads. To all of which country Hickman would be the most convenient market. Besides this, the levee would give Hickman a chance for the trade beyond the Mississippi below New Madrid and Point Pleasant. It is no exaggeration to estimate this trade at more than a million dollars, and a careful estimate of the field will more than justify the estimate. This is the key for the prosperity of Hickman, and if our citizens will use it, in aiding the land owners to build the proposed levee, the investment will richly result.

THE PREMIUM BLANKET, largest and best blanket made, for sale at the NEW YORK STORE.

The Methodist Annual Conference.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, for the Memphis District, held its session this year at Trenton, Tenn., and adjourned Tuesday last. The following are the appointments for this District for the ensuing year:

Dresden District—J. H. Witt, P. E. Dresden Station—Jas. W. Atkinson Union City Station—T. S. Beard.

Kenckie and Milan—Jno. E. Beck.

Hickman Station—S. B. Adams.

Dresden Circuit—H. B. Covington.

Hickman Circuit—Jas. G. Pirtle.

Madrid Bend Circuit—W. S. C. Young.

Troy Circuit—J. M. Spence.

Richland Circuit—Simpson Weaver.

Bodysville Circuit—E. B. Plummer.

Murphy Circuit—J. G. Glasgow.

Troy Mission—W. H. Frost.

Bodysville Mission—J. P. Piner.

UNDERSHIRTS AND DRAWERS as low as fifty cents, at the NEW YORK STORE.

RUNYON'S Hog Cholera Medicine.

Our friend W. R. Walker, Druggist, has bought the exclusive right of Fulton County to prepare and sell this celebrated remedy for Hog Cholera. This specific is said to be an almost certain cure and prevention, and is so recommended by many of the largest hog raisers in the State. Mr. Walker is alone entitled to make and sell the medicine, and all wishing to give it a trial must apply to him.

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## A LOOKER ON.

THE NEW YORK STORE buys, and pays the highest market price for Wool, Feathers, Rags, etc. Anything to keep trade going. Give us a call.

THE Tennessee Legislature on Friday adopted the first section of the Revenue Bill, so as to provide that the ad valorem tax shall be forty cents on each hundred dollars of taxable property. A motion was made to reconsider, but the probability is that forty cents will be the rate.

ARKANSAS for Grant.

Nearly all Clayton official organs in this State hoisted the names of Grant and Aspinwall as Republican candidates for President and Vice President.

A NEW WHARF—THE RAILROAD COMPANY BUY A RIVER FRONT—PILE TO BE COMMENCED FORTHWITH.—On Thursday last the City of Hickman closed a contract with the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company for the building of a new wharf and protection of our river front. This transaction we regard, under all the circumstances, especially fortunate for the city. It makes a good wharf at once attainable, and permanent revenue from the same source. The contract between the city and the Railroad is substantially to this effect: The city gives to the Railroad company her stock in the Hickman and Obion Railroad Company, and one-half the city wharfage, in perpetuity. The railroad company builds a new wharf and keeps the same up. The city binds itself to set apart a sufficient portion of the wharf, free of obstructions, for the transaction of the city business. Aside from this transaction, the Railroad company has purchased the large warehouse of Overton, Steele & Co., together with their entire river front, for which Overton, Steele & Co., receive \$10,000. In addition to these contracts, the company declare their intention of erecting a large steam elevator at this point of the river, the cost of which we hear variously estimated at from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

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